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Responsive to the Office Action restriction requirement of 09/06/01, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the claims of group I, claims 1-6, and new claims 10-14. Further, Applicants provisionally elect the species of claims 1-5. New claims 10-14 read on group I and on the elected species, and therefore claims 10-14 are also elected. A clean version of added claims 10-14 are attached hereto.

Please add the following new claims.

Claim 10. The canister of claim 4 further comprising a space for air or gas between said outer seal plate and said shield plug.

Claim 11. The canister of claim 10 including leak testing components.

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